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1. ROMANIAN MEDIA SEPTEMBER 2 REPORT MEETING PREVIOUS DAY
OF RCP POLITICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH, INTER ALIA,
"UNANIMOUSLY" APPROVED CEAUSESCU'S REPORT ON HUA VISIT.
ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL RELEASE ON MEETING, POL EXCO NOTED
"FRUITFUL RESULTS" OF VISIT, ITS "CONVICTION" THAT
BILATERAL COOPERATION WILL BE EXPANDED, AND THE "NEW
AND POWERFUL IMPULSE" TO FRIENDSHIP AND MULTILATERAL
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ROMANIAN-CHINESE COOPERATION WHICH "FULLY CORRESPONDS
TO THE INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE TWO PEOPLES AS
WELL AS TO THE GENERAL CAUSE OF THE STRENGTHENING OF
SOCIALIST FORCES IN THE WORLD, OF PEACE, AND OF INTER-
NATIONAL COOPERATION."

2. A SECOND, AUTHORITATIVE EDITORIAL IN OFFICIAL RCP

DAILY SCINTEIA SEPTEMBER 3 PLACES HUA VISIT IN CONTEXT OF ROMANIAN POLICY OF DEVELOPING CLOSE RELATIONS WITH ALL "SOCIALIST" STATES, " OF OVERCOMING DIVERGENCES AMONG THEM, OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS, AND OF STRENGTHENING THEIR UNITY AND SOLIDARITY." WHILE PRAISING CHINA'S MORE OPEN INTERNATIONAL POLICY, EDITORIAL BLASTS "TENDENTIOUS" COVERAGE OF "SOME" WESTERN "SENSATIONALIST" NEWSPAPERS WHICH FAILED TO GRASP THE "CONSTRUCTIVE CHARACTER" OF HUA VISIT AND FALSELY TRIED TO "FANTASIZE" INTO IT MORE THAN WHAT WAS ON THE "OPEN, PUBLIC" RECORD. FURTHER, IN CLEAR ALLUSION TO SOVIET COVERAGE OF VISIT, EDITORIAL ADDS: "ONE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE PRESS FROM SOME SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" DID NOT REPORT VISIT OBJECTIVELY BUT REPLAYED THESE SAME "TENDENTIOUS" WESTERN ACCOUNTS; "SUCH AN ATTITUDE DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO THE MISSION OF THE PRESS, DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE OBJECTIVE AND CORRECT INFORMING OF PUBLIC OPINION IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, NOR DOES IT SUPPORT THE CAUSE OF FRIENDSHIP AND COLLABORATION AMONG PEOPLES." EDITORIAL CLOSES WITH REMINDER THAT ROMANIA IN NOW WAY ATTEMPTS TO "BALANCE" ITS RELATIONS WITH ONE COMMUNIST COUNTRY BY ITS RELATIONS WITH ANOTHER BUT RATHER WORKS FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY AMONG ALL "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES AND FOR THE INCREASE OF THE STRENGTH AND INFLUENCE OF "SOCIALISM" IN THE WORLD.

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3. HIGH-LEVEL ROMANIAN DELEGATION LED BY PRIME MINISTER MANEA MANESCU DEPARTED BUCHAREST SEPTEMBER 3 TO ATTEND 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF NORTH KOREA IN PYONGYANG. DELEGATION STOPPED IN PEKING WHERE VICE PRIMER LI HSIEN-NIEN HOSTED DINNER IN THEIR HONOR WHICH, ACCORDING TO AGERPRES, TOOK PLACE IN WARM, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

4. COMMENT. ROMANIANS ARE CLEARLY AWARE OF SOVIET UNHAPPINESS OVER HUA VISIT HERE, BUT THESE THREE POST-VISIT EVENTS AS WELL AS PRIVATE GOR ASSESSMENT OF VISIT (REF A) INDICATE THAT GOR IS NOT BACKING OFF FROM DECISION TO EXPAND FURTHER ITS RELATIONS WITH PRC AND IS WILLING TO DEFEND THAT DECISION PUBLICLY IN RATHER STRONG TERMS. AGGREY

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